

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This piece is produced by the individuals responsible for the infamous "Swift Boat" ads that have been thoroughly discredited, debunked, and proved groundless, and yet Sinclair Vice President of Corporate Communications, Mark Hyman, in an interview on CNN, insisted that this film qualifies as "news." Despite the facts.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. There is an obvious partisan bias at work that needs to be addressed immediately.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. We cannot allow large corporations to control the media to such an extent any longer.

Thank you for your time.